

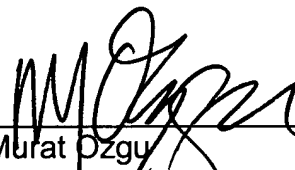
## REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended. No new matter is contained in the amendments.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 19, 2005, entry of the February 27, 2004 Preliminary Amendment, and consideration of the application on the merits thereof.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing Attorney Docket No. **103203-00010**.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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